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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kuroda et al.
Serial No.: 10/632,293
Conf. No.: 5077
Filed: 8/1/2003
For: PREFORMAT METHOD FOR
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING AND
REPRODUCING APPARATUS
Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: Mercedes, Dismery E.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$ 60.00
() By other than a small entity \$ 120.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$ 225.00
(X) By other than a small entity \$ 450.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$ 510.00
() By other than a small entity \$ 1020.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$ 795.00
() By other than a small entity \$ 1590.00

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)) \$1080.00
() By other than a small entity \$2160.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed. 05/08/2006 SDENB0B1 00000038 10632293
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(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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